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COUNTRY A FIRE TRUCK, BUT IT'S HIT A SNAG **metroNEWS**

## Vomit toss nets charge of assault

### CRIME

**Police say  
woman was  
abusive toward  
taxi driver**

Calgary police have laid a charge against a woman who allegedly threw a bag of her own vomit at a city cab driver.

According to police, at around 3:20 a.m. Aug. 23 a Calgary cab picked up a woman at 1 Street and 4 Avenue SE for a trip to the Sandarac area.

During the ride, the woman threw up in the cab, at which point the driver of the cab provided the woman with a bag to use for further episodes.

The driver continued on to get the woman to her destina-

tion, police said.

When they got to her destination, the woman continued to throw up on the outside of the vehicle.

The driver requested a cleanup fee, at which point the woman is alleged to have become abusive.

She allegedly threw a bag of vomit at him, covering his clothes, phone, car seat and floor mats.

Police were called to the scene and the passenger's family paid the cleanup fee and fare.

Selena Narayan-Lachapelle, 33, of Calgary was charged with one count of common assault.

She'll appear in court on Oct. 14. **METRO**

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# Change is around the corner

## DEVELOPMENT

### Main Streets project is built on Calgarians' feedback



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

A project dubbed nextCity posted the results to the first phase of their project Wednesday, where citizens and businesses in the neighbourhoods around the main streets were asked what issues and opportunities they saw in their community.

Kevin Barton, senior planner and lead for the Main Streets initiative said their results were both good and bad, but saw many overarching similarities in what Calgarians from all part of the city said.

"Generally, city wide in terms of issues, people really see a need for improvements in the public realm," he said. "So, city sidewalks, bus stops and transit, things like that."

Barton said they hope to marry nextCity with the city's municipal development and transit plans, which emphasize multi-modal transportation including auto, transit and bike, with a big focus on the pedestrian environment.

"That coincides with what the public asked for, too," he said. "More efficiency, increase or change these areas so that there are better sidewalks,



9 Avenue in Inglewood is one of the main streets examined in the City of Calgary's nextCity project. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

roads, bike lanes and that they all work well together."

Across the city, Barton said Calgarians are asking for better commercial use, including more restaurants, better retail spaces and an increased selection of retail — including more local options.

"Some places are obviously already served better than others, like Kensington and the Red Mile area," he said.

"Other areas that have commercial areas are hoping to have that same diversity and selection."

In conversing with business owners and residents in these main street communities, Barton said a new issue and possible opportunity was brought to his attention.

"There's a real desire from residents who shop on their local main streets... for local

businesses, small businesses and entrepreneurs to have the ability to find affordable spaces," he said.

"That wasn't on my radar before. It was really more prevalent in the inner city areas like Inglewood, Kensington, Bowness and Montgomery."

According to the report, the city has "experts from across Calgary working together to

review the input provided by Calgarians."

The report said they will be working at evaluating "numerous elements" that are integral to the success of the Main Streets initiative.

"Public input, industry feedback and research will be analyzed to identify opportunities for improvement or alignment with existing programs and services," the report read.

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There are 24 main streets in Calgary. Main streets are active roads that attract citizens to socialize, work, shop, and are important transportation routes.

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There are three phases of the project: Learning and understanding, analysis and evaluation, and implementation planning. The city is in phase two.

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While it will take two years to finish the project, city planners are working with economic experts to understand how to best market and take advantage of development projects.

## + NEXT CITY

The goal of nextCity is to grow Calgary in a smart, effective way for future use.

The city says the plan is to make enhancements and service improvements that will help Calgary evolve.

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## PROPOSAL

# Subsidy plan fits 'social justice warriors'



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

According to one city councillor, anyone who's a "social justice warrior," will agree with the proposed plan to implement a sliding scale for the city's subsidy program.

Ward 9 Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra said the research done by the community and neigh-

bourhood services shows that Calgarians who are just over the line to receive subsidies would often greatly benefit from them.

"If we start giving lesser and more subsidies depending on how close you are to that line and how far below it, we start to actually serve Calgarians who need help in a much more meaningful way," he said.

The proposal suggests expanded eligibility and an investment of \$11 million, based on

\$9.5 million in subsidy discount costs and \$1.5 million in operating expenses and a \$1.5 million in a one-time set up expense.

Carra said the research has highlighted what those using the subsidies actually need and has shown the city what they need to do to better serve citizens.

He said the report also proposes to move the project of subsidization away from a service-by-service basis and into one

category, to allow the city to better explain how they're run and to garner more support from other factions of government.

Although he said he hasn't had a chance since returning from summer break to see where other councillors stand, he hopes to see overwhelming assent.

"This is a smart way to go if you're a fiscal conservative and if you're a social justice warrior. It makes a lot of sense."



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W.H. Cushing Workplace School offered parents an institution close to work to accommodate busy schedules. But now, new renovations mean it will be shut down. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

# End of the \$1 per year deal

## EDUCATION

## Board so far unsuccessful in locating new learning space



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

By this time next year, W.H. Cushing Workplace School may be closed, thrusting its 100 or so students into new schools throughout the city — where they'll have to make new friends and their parents will have to make new after-school accommodations.

"It's going to be a little bit hard to develop those friends and community," said Roni Kirkness, who has two children currently attending W.H. Cushing. "It's become our community."

Since 1995, W.H. Cushing has operated out of the Len Werry building downtown at the rate of only \$1 per year. The school was meant to be close to parents who work in the downtown core, and the building provided child care services to better accommodate parents' schedules.

Now Telus is planning to renovate the building, meaning there will be no more space

for the school come the start of the 2016 school year.

"We've given the CBE more than two years' notice that we need to end the lease," said Shawn Hall, media relations with Telus. "We wanted to give them plenty of notice and collaborate on the change to make this as soon as possible."

They notified the CBE in May 2014, and since then the board has been looking for a new space for the school, but has been unsuccessful. They will be recommending the board of trustees move to close the school in an upcoming board meeting.

"The CBE is open to new partnerships but must work within our fiscal realities," said a CBE spokesperson in an email statement.

"We're committed to providing excellent education to students and support to families as we move through this transition. We will continue to keep parents, staff, and other stakeholders informed."

"We anticipate that most students will be able to return to their community at their designated regular program school."

Kirkness is worried about balancing her work schedule and getting the kids to school on time at a new location. She's still hoping someone will step forward with a space to offer the school at the last minute.

**The CBE is open to new partnerships but must work within our fiscal realities.**

Calgary Board of Education spokesperson



# Connecting with Calgary's homeless

Metro hit the streets with Calgary Homeless Foundation director Diana Krecsy to meet with the city's vulnerable and see the common challenges they face in accessing the help they need.

ROBSON FLETCHER METRO

In the span of one August morning, Calgary Homeless Foundation CEO Diana Krecsy met four people on city streets and learned their stories — and their struggles — all by simply stopping to ask.

It was part of an exercise called the Day of Homelessness, put on since 2013 by the Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

"It's to build awareness of what life is like out there," explained committee liaison Tim Patterson. "It's geared primarily to individuals that work on the periphery of the field but also those that don't necessarily come into contact, day-to-day, with homelessness."

Travelling in pairs, participants spend eight hours adopting the detailed persona of a hypothetical homeless person, making their way through the city's core area, trying to find food and access services their character needs, all without the use of money or a cellphone.

For Krecsy, however, the exercise turned into more of an opportunity to learn about actual homeless people's lives and, at the same time, what can be done to improve the patchwork system of disparate services and agencies that she helps co-ordinate.

Throughout her interactions with the homeless, a theme emerged: "Housing First," as a strategy, still has a long way to go.

## + MORE ONLINE

For more on these stories and the Lessons in Housing First, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).



Calgary Homeless Foundation CEO Diana Krecsy chats with Frank Buffalo Calf about his life in city shelters. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

## Frank

Frank Buffalo Calf is 65 and the only homeless person Krecsy encountered that morning who was willing to have his name and photograph in print.

He came to Calgary from Morley two years ago to get an operation on his shoulder and never left. With no friends or family in the city, when he was discharged from the hospital he went straight to the Drop In Centre. He's been there most nights since.

"What do you think would help you get out of the DI, help you get back on your feet?"

Krecsy asked him.

"I don't know how to get out," he replied. "I don't know what I need."

Calf said no one he's encountered in the system has talked to him about housing, other than a worker at the DI who mentioned he should talk to the Calgary Urban Project Society.

Probing further, Krecsy found out Calf has enrolled for Old Age Security, giving him a stream of income that could help him find permanent housing. He just hasn't been able to connect the dots and make it happen yet.

## 'Christine'

Sitting on the sidewalk outside Alpha House, the "wet" shelter in downtown Calgary where clients are welcomed even if they're intoxicated, Christine was speaking quietly with a small group of friends.

She eyed Krecsy apprehensively as Krecsy approached and asked if she could chat, too. Christine agreed, and in a hushed tone they discussed what it's like living on the street as a woman.

"I asked her, as a woman, how do you stay safe?" Krecsy recalled. "She said, 'Every second

is a challenge.'"

Christine, who was apprehended by the province as a child and grew up in the foster-care system, has spent time in and out of jail and worked in the sex trade to support her addiction. She has been sexually assaulted and said there are few places she feels safe, even in shelters with security systems.

They don't have security cameras in the toilet stalls, she said, so she and other women try to use a buddy system when they've got to go. But even then, she said, it isn't always easy to find a buddy you trust.

## 'Nick'

Nick started drinking when he was 16 and has been through rehab before. Now, at 29, he knows he needs to sober up but isn't quite ready yet.

Nick was living in Edson last year, and things were going quite well before, suddenly, they weren't.

"I was working in the oil fields, making good money," he said. "But I lost my job.... My girlfriend died in November, and that's when I started drinking again."

Krecsy met Nick at the Mustard Seed, where he was trying to set up housing. The problem Nick has is that doing demolition work in Calgary earns him too much money to qualify for subsidized housing but not enough to transition easily into a market-rate place.

## 'Tony'

Sitting on a bench next to the downtown CTrain line, Tony looked tired.

He had spent the night, again, at the Drop In Centre, which has been a fallback place to rest his head ever since he and his roommate were kicked out of their apartment in December.

After chatting with Krecsy for less than five minutes, Tony opened up. His roommate, he confided, was actually his partner, and they suspect their relationship was related to their eviction.

"The building got a new manager and, all of a sudden, they were the only couple evicted: two guys," Krecsy recounted, after offering Tony some advice on services.

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# Cabbie abuse in the spotlight

## SAFETY

### Operators say drivers have too much to endure



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Racial slurs, uttering threats and now — vomit. Calgary cab drivers haven't had an easy year.

Over the past few months, Calgary has seen multiple cases made public pertaining to cab driver abuse.

Kurt Enders, president of Checker Transportation Group, said these cases have brought the issue to the forefront.

"For taxi drivers, the cab is their office, it's their livelihood," said Enders. "A cab should be treated no different than anybody else's office."

Enders said the most recent

incident, where 33-year-old Selena Narayan-Lachapelle threw her bag of vomit at her driver, happened to one of his drivers.

He feels it shows people take cab drivers for granted in Calgary. "They're not held in a high regard because they're just deemed as cab drivers, which is completely ludicrous," he said. "Everyone does a job for a reason, which is to make everyone else's life easier."

The first incident of driver abuse came to light when a video of Chad Pasloski going on a verbally abusive tirade against driver Sardar Qayyum was made public.

Another video of 24-year-old Brittany Bachinsky being abusive to her cab driver has resulted in the Calgary woman being charged with by CPS with uttering threats.

Metro was first to report when Calgary cab drivers had a close call with an agitated citizen in mid-August who approached a number of drivers at a downtown



**A cab should be treated no different than anybody else's office.**

Kurt Enders

hotel taxi stand ready for a fight.

The man was upset about the symbol on the decal, a hand raised with the American sign language gesture for love, he dubbed as a symbol of the devil, saying it was evil.

Enders said the installation of cameras in the cabs has helped curb some of the offences and bad behaviour by passengers.

Roger Richard, president of Associated Cabs, said he hasn't seen an increase in cab driver abuse and said "99.9 per cent" of passenger and driver experiences are good.

"It doesn't happen very often," he said "You get the odd mishap and the driver deals with it."



**Recent allegations of vomit being thrown at a Calgary cab driver have once again thrust the issue of cabbie abuse into the spotlight.** JEREMY SIMES/METRO

## CRIME

### Three charged after gang and drug bust

Calgary police have charged three people after the Gang Enforcement Team concluded a criminal investigation into drug trafficking and firearm possession.

After searching homes on Aug. 4 in the communities of Panorama and the Beltline, police have arrested 19-year-old Sina Valayati.

Valayati is facing charges that include possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession for the proceeds of crime as well as firearm related charges.

Police searched homes and vehicles in Coventry Hills and Harvest Hills on Aug. 20, resulting in charges against two people.

Majed Zulfiqar, 19, faces charges for possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking and possession for the proceeds of crime.

Erik Silva, 20, is charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of the proceeds of crime. METRO



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# Alberta's air quality on slippery slope

## ENVIRONMENT

### Action needed to reverse the trend: Minister



**Tim Querengesser**  
Metro | Edmonton

A national testing program has found Alberta will soon have the

worst air quality in the country, and that's prompting the environment minister to promise quick action.

Shannon Phillips said the high levels of fine particles in the air pose no immediate health risks but require immediate response.

Otherwise, Phillips said, "we are on track to have the worst air quality in Canada."

Phillips said the government is considering emissions standards

for vehicles as part of its effort to rewrite Alberta's climate-change policy.

That could be music to the ears of Chris Severson-Baker, a director at the Pembina Institute. He said many solutions for curbing climate change in Alberta also improve air quality.

"In the short term, an accelerated transition away from coal power would considerably reduce air pollution in many of

the key hot spots," he said in a release.

Wednesday's results show the Red Deer region has exceeded levels for fine particulate matter. Although their origin hasn't been pinpointed, the particulates are thought to come from industrial sources and vehicles. Nearly all parts of Alberta are approaching similar levels to those seen in Red Deer, according to the study.

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Shannon Phillips said the province is considering emissions standards for vehicles as part of its efforts.** THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### U.S., U.K. reps want province to step up

Alberta's environment minister is acknowledging that the provincial government is coming under more international pressure to improve its record on climate change.

Shannon Phillips says she's had meetings with government representatives from the United States and the United Kingdom. She says they both want Alberta to take a leadership role in the fight against global warming.

Phillips says they've offered to

do what they can to help Alberta reduce its growing emissions of greenhouse gases.

The minister was speaking at a conference on climate change sponsored by a clean-energy think-tank.

Chief Allan Adam, who leads an aboriginal community in the middle of oilsands developments, told the conference that the environment is all but overloaded and no new developments should be built. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## HEALTH

## Fitness program targets smokers

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has begun a new program to help Calgarians quit smoking.

Find Your Stride — an eight-week pilot program — is a free learn-to-walk-or-run program that gives participants tools to become physically active and improve their overall health, AHS says in a press release.

AHS partnered with Vivo for Healthier Generations to target people who currently use

or have recently quit tobacco.

AHS said participants aren't required to stop smoking or using other forms of tobacco but could kick the habit if they embrace healthy activities.

A facilitator will hold sessions once a week for 90 minutes. Sessions include a combination of walking, running and stretching regimes. Educational lessons will also be provided. METRO

### + DETAILS

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A local group hopes to donate this vehicle to a community in Guatemala, but a major setback arose just as it was ready to ship out. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

## Needed fire truck hits bump in road

## CHARITY

### Brake failure preventing vehicles from reaching town



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary organization is trying to send an ambulance and a fire truck to a Guatemalan town in desperate need, but just as the vehicles were ready to roll out, their plans came to a screeching halt.

Or, rather, they didn't. The brakes on the fire truck gave out, and the Canadian-Guatemalan Association of Calgary has been using rocks to keep it from rolling away until they raise enough money to repair it.

They need \$2,000.

Meanwhile, group members

from Montreal are holed up in a Calgary hotel, waiting for repairs so they can tow the vehicles across the country and put them on a boat bound for Guatemala.

Eva Gonzalez with the Canadian-Guatemalan Association said the situation for emergency services in the Santa Lucia area is dire.

"They have no equipment. Sometimes they work out of their own cars. The firefighters work in T-shirts," said Gonzalez. "We're sending a little bit of equipment too with the units."

Christian Vellatoro, who will help tow the vehicles to Mont-

real when they're fixed, said the population suffers when there isn't enough equipment.

"They have vehicles, but many times, what happens is you see an accident on the highway and the ambulance goes to help," he explained. "But they have to carry four or five people back in a single ambulance. It's very crazy, this situation."

The vehicles were originally donated by an organization out of St. Albert. They were both fine until arriving in Calgary, when the brakes failed. Gonzalez said they have already drained their funds organizing transport.

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The amount needed to repair the fire truck.

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## HEALTH

## 'I'm serving a life sentence in my brain'



**Andrea Ross**  
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Val Bate hit rock bottom before being diagnosed in 2004 with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).

After her brother was murdered and her mother committed suicide, she became an alcoholic and lived on the streets. She struggled her whole life to

overcome the effects of being born to a mother who drank while pregnant.

Not wanting to cause more harm to her family, Bate decided to leave her husband and two children.

"If I could put all my life in a nutshell, basically it was hell," the 56-year-old said Wednesday, International FASD Awareness Day.

"I had a hard time in school, interacting with others, grasp-

ing reality and I had poor coping skills. It was a mess."

Being diagnosed with FASD and seeking treatment is what saved her life, Bate said.

"Drinking during pregnancy does harm us. I'm serving a life sentence in my brain," she said. "But I faced my truth and I'm not doing too bad because I reached out to the right people."

Alcohol exposure in unborn children can cause lifelong physical, cognitive, behaviour-

al and emotional issues. There is no cure.

An estimated 46,000 people — almost one in 100 — are living with FASD in Alberta, said Human Services spokeswoman Roxanne Dube-Coelho. Many of them need help with mental health issues, social services, housing, education, training, addiction and family support.

Numerous resources are available to prevent the problem and help those living with it, she said.



Const. Jeremy Shaw reminds Calgarians to dial 911 when they need assistance during a crisis. COURTESY CPS

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## CITY SERVICES

## Police, 311 say not to rely on social media to get action



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Despite the Calgary Police Service's growing presence on social media, it's still asking Calgarians to use more traditional methods to contact police in emergencies.

Const. Jeremy Shaw said that if someone has time to post photos, complaints or emergencies online, then there's usually no reason for them not to call 911.

"It makes things go a lot smoother and quicker for everyone," he said.

Shaw said CPS can't legally respond to emergencies or complaints on social media in most scenarios.

"Our social-media accounts aren't monitored 24/7," he said.

Other governing bodies such as 311 are facing similar problems.

Kaila Cooper, communications advisor for Calgary Community Services and Protective Services said their system requires formal complaint forms to be filled out in order for bylaw services to respond.

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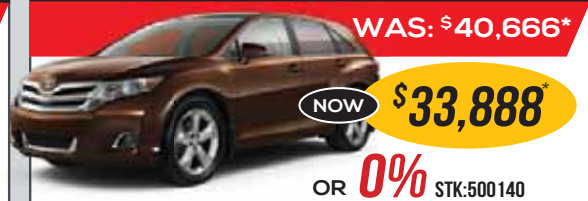
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# Low RN exam pass-rate concerns U of C faculty

## HEALTH CARE

### Dean questions content from United States



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Due to a switch in tests, a larger batch of University of Calgary nursing graduates this year didn't pass their exams that qualify them to practice as registered nurses.

According to the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators, 68.7 per cent of Alberta graduates passed the exam, well below last year's pass-rate of 89 per cent.

Graduates took the test — owned and administered by the U.S. based National Council of State Boards of Nursing — for the first time this year, replacing the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination administered by an arm of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

Reasons for the low pass-rate might be because the test is new and can only be completed online, said Mary-Anne Robinson, CEO of the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA).

But, according to Dianne Tapp, dean of the faculty of nursing at the U of C, graduates encountered several questions regarding the American health-care system that aren't



Higher failure rates on exams for some of the province's nursing grads have some questioning a newly-prescribed test.

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Dianne Tapp

applicable to Canadian nursing practices.

Robinson isn't buying that. "There was no American or inappropriate content (in the exam)," she said, adding a panel looked over the exam to ensure there were no biases.

Tapp said she expected the test results to be lower, but is concerned the faculty will have to change its curriculum to meet the new requirements.

"It's an American exam not based on Canadian competencies," she said. "I don't think it's right for us to teach to an American test."

Robinson said CARNA doesn't want the U of C to change its curriculum and is confident the test results will improve over time, as students get used to it. She said CARNA will continue

to use the exam to test graduates, and will host a meeting with stakeholders to see how the scores can be improved.

Tapp said she's happy to finally see consultation with CARNA and other stakeholders — that wasn't done when the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators wanted to swap the Canadian test in 2011.

## INVESTIGATION

### Woman's body found



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Police Service Homicide Unit is investigating after what they are calling a suspicious death in the city's southeast.

Inspector Kelly Campbell said police were called to a home on the 100 block of Carnarch Circle SE just after 5 p.m. Tuesday, where they found one woman dead inside.

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday.

Campbell said emergency medical services transported one other person to hospital in relation to this incident.

"One female was taken to hospital," she said. "I can't speak to any medical conditions of this individual."

Liliana Moir, who has lived in Cranston for seven years said she was disturbed by the news in her otherwise "quiet" community.

"It makes me feel very insecure," she said.

She said she wondered if it was gang related or personal, but said either way, "it's a very scary thing to happen."

Campbell said the investigation is in the early stages.

"We haven't confirmed if a crime has taken place," she said. "We are working very hard with the medical examiner's office to determine the cause of death."

Campbell said no further information is available at this time.

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# Show shines a light on human side of art

## CHANGING FACE

**It's hoped exhibition will spark interest in portraits**



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Calgary features too much abstract art, claims Nick Rooney, so he decided to put together what he says is the city's first show of the human face.

Named the Changing Face, the exhibition will showcase paintings of portraits by nine local artists Thursday evening at Essentia in Kensington.

"There's not many shows like this in Calgary," said Crystal Knutson, Essentia's manager. "It's very cutting edge and sets a precedent for the city to see more portraiture work."

Rooney said he was recently blown away by a show that featured the works of Calgary artists who specialize in painting the human body.

So after that show, he said it was a no-brainer to start his own.

"Many of these artists have been shown around the world, but not seen in Calgary," said Rooney, who specializes in oil painting.

He said it can be quite the challenge to paint the human face.

"It takes all this time and skill," he said.

"Oil paintings can do something a photo can't do — there's this depth and emotion."

Knutson echoed that, adding portraiture work gets people to really examine the piece.

"You see this stuff in Europe," she said.

"I hope this show get more people in the city interested in portraits."



**Nick Rooney wants to see the look on your face when you check out his show.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

## OIL AND GAS

# Alberta headed for low land-sale revenue

With only a few months left in the year, Alberta is on track to post its worst oil and gas land sales revenue in more than two decades.

As of late August, the auctions for land, in which the province leases out land rights to energy companies, have pulled in \$209 million.

"It's absolutely the worst that we've seen the 21 years that I've been doing this," said Winston Gaskin, president of Standard Land Company, which assists companies in buying land rights.

In 2014 Alberta sold \$494

million worth of energy land tenures, which was the lowest since 2002. But given the current pace of sales, Alberta could see its lowest land sales revenue since 1992, when the province sold a paltry \$149 million in land rights.

That compares with a high-water mark of \$3.5 billion the province pulled in from land sales in 2011 as excitement in the Duvernay shale formation helped drive up prices.

The reduced revenue this year comes as companies slash budgets across the board.

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## IN BRIEF

### President of AUMA stepping down

The president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association says she is stepping down later this month when the group holds its annual convention.

Helen Rice says she is leaving effective Sept. 23 to pursue a position on the association's board of direc-

tors. Rice has been president for the last two years. During that time, urban municipalities have had to work with five different ministers of municipal affairs and four premiers. Rice says the association has already established a strong working relationship with the new NDP government elected in May.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# First Nations Assembly chief plans to vote

Assembly of First Nations national chief Perry Bellegarde says he plans to vote in the upcoming federal election after all.

In an interview last week, Bellegarde, who late last year was elected the head of the national lobby group representing 634 First Nations communities in Canada, indicated he was undecided about whether he would vote in the Oct. 19 federal election. He also said he hadn't voted in the past.

"I just haven't done it. It's a real personal thing, because I've been in First Nations leadership positions for most of my life. And I was respecting what the older people told me: because we have a treaty relationship with the Crown. What they told me was, no matter who gets in, the Crown is supposed to live by and abide by the relationship and implement the treaty," he said last week explaining why he hasn't voted in the past.

## + BACKGROUND

The Assembly believes First Nations voters could have an impact in as many as 51 ridings, including ridings in northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

But after giving that interview he travelled late last week to his home province of Sas-

katchewan, where he spoke to First Nations community members young and old who urged him to exercise his franchise.

He also listened to First Nations voices from across Canada.

"The message to me is consistent and clear — it is vital that First Nations voices be heard in every way possible," Bellegarde said in a statement Wednesday. He said he hasn't yet decided which party he'll support. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Tom Mulcair announced Wednesday he does not plan to relieve Shawn Dearn of his duties over previous controversial remarks on Twitter. COURTESY THE CANADIAN PRESS

# NDP leader takes aide's apology

## ELECTIONS 2015

### Some call for dismissal over tweets against Catholics

New Democrat Leader Tom Mulcair said Wednesday that he had no plans to fire his most senior communications aide for tweeting offensive anti-Roman Catholic comments.

At an event in Niagara Falls, Ont., a grim-faced Mulcair stood resolutely by Shawn Dearn, whose two-year-old tweets resurfaced late Tuesday.

"He felt very bad about it and I'm more than willing to move on from that," Mulcair said.

"He's made a mistake and he has apologized for it. For me, that's enough."

The tweets by Dearn, hired in February as Mulcair's director of communications, were

quickly circulated on social media.

"Memo to CBC and all media," one of them reads. "Stop calling the misogynist, homophobic, child-molesting Catholic church a 'moral authority.' It's not."

Dearn, who is married to a man, also took aim at Pope Benedict for saying Britain's human rights policy on gay equality violated natural law. The tweet used an offensive expletive in connection with the Pope.

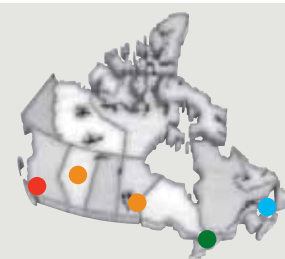
"Go f— yourself," he tweeted.

In a tweet to his confirmed followers late Tuesday, Dearn apologized.

Some called for Dearn's firing, saying he had shown extreme anti-Catholic prejudice and Mulcair's response was insufficient, given the importance of his role. They also accused him of ducking and hiding.

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# Harper tries to stay calm as supporter heckles media

**metr** The Syrian Crisis  
Political Fallout

## Tory leader takes queries about stance on calamity

A Conservative supporter at a Stephen Harper campaign event heckled a reporter Wednesday who was asking about the government's handling of the Syrian refugee crisis.

The government's response of the crisis is now front and centre in the federal election campaign.

The catcalls came in Welland, Ont., as the Conservative leader was taking questions from journalists, almost a week after the world was riveted by the image of a dead Syrian toddler on a Turkish beach.

A low, collective groan was heard in the crowd before a

lone voice was heard to say: "How many kids drowned in pools in Canada this past summer? Do you blame the government for that?"

Three-year-old Alan Kurdi drowned along with his five-year-old brother Ghalib and their mother, Rehanna, in their unsuccessful attempt to find sanctuary in Greece.

Harper tried to keep his daily question-and-answer session with journalists from going off the rails.

"OK, go ahead," he told the reporter, an awkward smile on his face, as the heckler kept speaking. "OK, OK. Go ahead."

The prime minister is under pressure to admit more refugees, and Harper said he will — but while taking care to avoid allowing terrorists from a war zone into Canada.

"This government is committed to acting, committed to bringing more people in, committed to expediting the process. And frankly, I said this before this was in the headlines earlier in this campaign," he said.

It wasn't the first time that hecklers have taken issue — not with Harper, but the questions he's been asked. The incident knocked Harper off message, just as it did in August when Conservative supporters heckled reporters asking questions about the Mike Duffy fraud trial.

Prior to the incident, Harper spent almost an hour talking



Stephen Harper speaks during a question-and-answer session with the Chamber of Commerce during a campaign stop in Welland, Ont., on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

expansively about the economy in a controlled question-and-answer session with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Harper, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair were all campaigning in Ontario on Wednesday, where the fate of the province's ailing manufacturing sector is a key issue.

Harper was responding to an earlier attack by Trudeau on Wednesday.

The Liberal leader invoked examples dating back more than a century, when Canadians



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helped people fleeing Europe, Africa and Asia.

"Quite frankly, security concerns didn't stop Wilfrid Laurier from bringing in record numbers of Ukrainians," Trudeau told supporters in Toronto.

"Louis St. Laurent didn't let security concerns stop him from welcoming — at the height of the Cold War — tens upon tens of thousands of Hungarian refugees."

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## Refugee remains 'in limbo'

Hussein Rahim had already lost his cousin and uncle — one shot dead, the other missing — when he was arrested by military forces during a protest in his native Syria.

His family paid thousands of dollars for his release, but fear of being detained again as the unrest turned to armed conflict prompted him to seek asylum in Canada, he said in a recent interview.

Rahim thought his ordeal was over when he finally set foot in Toronto's Pearson International Airport in 2012, carrying a Greek passport he'd purchased in Turkey.

But three years later, the 35-year-old said he remains in limbo, his case unheard and his fate uncertain.

Worldwide attention has focused on the plight of Syrian refugees fleeing the war-torn country. Some have family members living abroad who are trying to sponsor from afar; others, like Rahim, take matters into their own hands. Either way is a difficult process.

Detained on arrival in Toronto for more than three weeks, Rahim said he was seen and freed by officials only after threatening to go on hunger strike.

But he has yet to be granted a hearing on his application, or even on an interim petition that would allow him to visit his ailing mother in Turkey, he said.

With no hearing scheduled, Rahim said he can't leave the country without invalidating his claim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau noted on Wednesday the government of his father, Pierre, did not let security concerns prevent him from "welcoming in thousands upon thousands of Ismaili refugees fleeing Idi Amin in Uganda" in the 1970s.



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## TEXAS

## Cavity search reveals handgun

Police in Texas say they removed a loaded handgun from a woman's body during a cavity search.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton told the Waco Tribune-Herald that officers stopped a driver for a traffic violation late Monday and found methamphetamine inside the vehicle. A man and woman were arrested.

Swanton says while 31-year-old Ashley Cecilia Castaneda was being taken to jail, she

### + BACKGROUND

Castaneda and Garcia are being held in the McLennan County Jail in lieu of \$31,000 US and \$10,000 US bonds, respectively.

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told an officer she had a loaded .22-calibre semiautomatic handgun inside her vagina.

Swanton says officers called for a female officer, who retrieved the gun. Swanton confirmed the weapon was loaded.

Castaneda is charged with possession of methamphetamine and unlawfully carrying a weapon. Thirty-year-old Gabriel Garcia faces the same drug charge. Both are in custody in lieu of bond. It wasn't immediately clear if they had attorneys who could comment on their behalf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Chinese farmer jailed after playing princess

A farmer who pretended to be a princess descended from the Qing dynasty to swindle people out of \$315,000 US has been sentenced to 13.5 years in prison for fraud, a court said. Wang Fengying and her co-accused, Yang Janglin, said she was called Princess Changping and persuaded people to lend them money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Kim Tabor, a clerk at the judicial centre in Morehead, KY, wears a T-shirt to work claiming she is not Kim Davis, the Rowan County clerk, on Wednesday. DYLAN T. LOVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Clerk to be paid for time in jail

### KENTUCKY

#### Colleague tired of being confused with Kim Davis

An employee in the office of the Kentucky clerk who was released from jail after a five-day stint for contempt says workers there will issue marriage licences Wednesday while their boss is still out of the office.

Lawyers for Rowan County clerk Kim Davis say she will return to work Friday or Monday. Davis has become a symbol of religious freedom for many as she defied court orders to issue marriage licences to same-sex couples, citing her beliefs about homosexuality. She was released from jail Tuesday. A judge warned her not to interfere with licensing, but her lawyers wouldn't say what she'll do.

In the meantime, deputy clerk Brian Mason says the office will issue licences in Davis' absence if anyone seeks them. Mason says that while Davis was jailed, the office issued 10 licences: eight Friday, two Tuesday. Seven went to same-sex couples.

To many, Kim Davis has become a household name. The clerk has garnered national attention for weeks for her refusal to issue marriage licences

to gay couples.

Just across the street from her office, another local worker shares her first name — but Kim Tabor is tired of being mistaken for the embattled clerk, and she wants to clear up the confusion.

She made herself a bright orange T-shirt that announces: "Hello. My name is not Kim Davis." Tabor works for the circuit clerk. She says people calling from all over the country have confused the two Kims and have misdirected their wrath toward Tabor.

Kentucky clerk Kim Davis can collect a paycheck for the days she sat in jail and the week she's spending at home, resting and reading hundreds of letters from her fans.

Elected officials in Kentucky get paid whether they work or not. The state auditor's office confirmed that officials don't accumulate vacation, sick or comp time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Davis was sent to jail last Thursday for defying a series of federal court orders and continuing to deny marriage licences to same-sex couples. She was released Tuesday and announced she will not return to work until Monday.

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# No asylum in Hungary

**metr** The Syrian Crisis  
The World Reacts

## Migrants find little sympathy for their plight

A makeshift camp of thousands from the Middle East, Asia and Africa has been dismantled at Budapest's Keleti train station, and its inhabitants have left for Germany. But the loathing of them lingers in Hungary, which hopes to build a border fence strong enough to keep out future waves of asylum seekers.

"We need the fence," said Istvan Szabo, a 43-year-old lathe operator having a beer at a bar next to the station, where hundreds seeking refuge in the European Union still line up daily to buy tickets to Western Europe.

The tent city sprang up last month when the government blocked the asylum seekers from travelling by train to Austria and Germany. Authorities finally gave in last weekend and sent buses to take them to the border with Austria. Szabo, like many in this socially conservative land



Thousands of people, such as these at Roszke, Hungary, have continued to cross the border from Serbia over the past few days. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

of 10 million, says he doesn't understand why they've come.

"If they couldn't solve their problems back where they live, why do they think they're going to be able to solve them here?" Szabo said.

Such lack of sympathy is a striking feature of the massive march this summer from Turkey through southeastern Europe.

Many of the trekkers interviewed by The Associated Press say their worst experiences have

come in Hungary, where farmers hiss at them in disapproval and the government leaves their care mostly up to unpaid volunteers.

A recent opinion poll sponsored by the Budapest think-tank Republikon found that

just 19 per cent believe Hungary has a duty to take in refugees, while 66 per cent deem them a threat and should not be let in.

The findings reflect a country where ethnic minorities barely exist outside Budapest and right-wing beliefs dominate in small towns that strongly support the ultranationalist Jobbik party.

"Many Hungarians are racist. They lack self-confidence and see their identity under threat. And our government exploits these feelings to boost its own popularity," said Zsuzsanna Zohar, 36, who has helped lead volunteer efforts to give food, water, medical aid and other help to those passing through Hungary.

"It can be hard to convince Hungarians that these people don't want to take our jobs, our homes, our women, our dogs," she said, laughing at the absurdity of the idea.

"The government says they don't want immigrants here and they can't take our jobs away," said satirist Gergely Kovacs, a 35-year-old graphic designer. "But the truth is that nobody wants to come here."

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### IN BRIEF

#### Camerawoman fired after caught on video tripping, kicking people

A Hungarian camerawoman for an ultranationalist online TV channel has been fired after reporters filmed her kicking and tripping migrants as they fled from police.

Tuesday's footage went viral around the world within hours on social media. The N1TV channel's editor, Szabolcs Kisberk, said employment of the camerawoman, widely identified as Petra Laszlo, had been "terminated with immediate effect."

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#### Denmark-Germany trains halted as refugee-seekers refuse to get off

All train services were halted between Germany and Denmark on Wednesday after Danish police stopped hundreds of migrants arriving by train across the border, Danish railway company DSB said. About 100 migrants who arrived from Germany refused to leave a train in the Danish port city of Roedby.

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## EXTREMISM

# Muslim clerics in India condemn ISIL

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Religious leaders from hundreds of Islamic mosques, education institutions and civic groups across India have signed the edict, or fatwa, saying the actions of the group

go against the basic tenets of Islam.

The edict was issued by a leading Mumbai-based cleric, Mohammed Manzar Hasan Ashrafi Misbahi, and has been signed by the leaders of all the main mosques in India, which has the world's third-largest Muslim population.

"The acts of the Islamic State are inhuman and un-Islamic," Misbahi said by phone

from Mumbai. "Islam does not allow the killing of even an animal. What the Islamic State is doing is damaging to Islam."

Misbahi said the fatwa — which is around 1,100 pages and labels the ISIL group "un-Islamic" — has been sent to the leaders of more than 50 countries, seeking their endorsement.

Muslim clerics across India

will speak to their followers after prayers on Friday, explaining the contents of the edict and why it is important to denounce ISIL, said Abdul Rehman Anjaria, president of the Islamic Defence Cyber Cell.

India's 172 million Muslims mostly follow a moderate version of the religion and have opposed the extreme practices of ISIL and al-Qaida.

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An officer jokes with Yusufu Mierili during a re-enactment of the Aug. 17 bombing. MARK BAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Suspect admits to role in blast

## BANGKOK

### Man says he handed pack to bomber before shrine attack

Police said Wednesday a key suspect in last month's deadly Bangkok blast has admitted he handed a backpack containing a bomb to a man in a yellow shirt who was later seen leaving a similar bag at a downtown shrine just before the blast occurred.

The account offered the first possible reconstruction of events leading to the Aug. 17 attack at Erawan Shrine, an unprecedented act of violence in the Thai capital that left 20 people dead and more than 120 injured. Authorities say they still don't know the motive but are also reluctant to call the blast an act of terrorism, which would harm Thailand's image as a tourist destination.

After an initial slow start, police have arrested two foreigners, raided two apartments on the outskirts of Bangkok where they confiscated bomb-making materials, and say they are looking for 10 other suspects. Several

Turkish and Chinese links to the blast have boosted a theory that the bombing was to avenge Thailand's forced repatriation of more than 100 ethnic Uighurs to China in July. Uighurs are related to Turks, and Turkey is home to a large Uighur community.

One of the men in custody, identified as Yusufu Mierili, was arrested Sept. 1 near the Thai-Cambodia border carrying a Chinese passport and has confessed to playing a key role in the attack, police said. The passport indicated he was from China's western region of Xinjiang, home to the Turkic-speaking Uighurs. His DNA and fingerprints were found in the two apartments police raided, including on a container of gunpowder in one of the apartments.

On Tuesday, police took Mierili back to the apartments and also to a chemical supply shop where he said he bought "four substances" used to make the bomb, national police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri said Wednesday. He declined to say what the materials were or if Mierili is believed to have made the bomb himself.

A second day of re-enactments continued Wednesday, when police and commandos led Mierili in handcuffs and body armour to Bangkok's main train station and then to the site of the blast at Erawan Shrine.

Public re-enactments in front of the media are a common part of Thai criminal investigations, although they have been criticized for implying a suspect's guilt before a trial.

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## TRAVEL

## Albertans flying less

WestJet Airlines says fewer Albertans are booking flights because of the oil price slump.

While the Calgary-based carrier said it didn't see any signs of a slowdown in the first quarter, the situation worsened in the seasonally slower second quarter.

"We are seeing some softening in the Alberta market as you would expect with what's gone on with the prolonged oil prices," Bob Cummings, executive vice-president commercial, told a Cowen and Company transportation conference in Boston.

About a quarter of WestJet's capacity originates from the oil-producing province.

Cummings said that a switch in some traffic from charter carriers to scheduled service has helped to mitigate the situation.

WestJet says it has a 38 per

cent market share in Canada, and will try to lure more business travellers by offering a section of its Boeing 737s with an empty middle seat as of Monday.

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## TECHNOLOGY

## Apple unveils new TV system, smartphones and iPad Pro

Apple staked a new claim to the living room on Wednesday, as the maker of iPhones and other handheld gadgets unveiled an Internet TV system that's designed as a beachhead for the tech giant's broader ambitions to deliver a wide range of information, games, music and video to the home.

CEO Tim Cook and other executives also showed off two new iPhone models, a plus-sized iPad with detachable keyboard and updated software for the Apple Watch during an exhaustive two-hour event in San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

Apple is counting on sales of the new iPhones to maintain its position as one of the most profitable, and valuable, companies in the world.

But it's the new Apple TV system that some analysts point to as an important step for the



CEO Tim Cook introduces the new iPhone 6s and 6s Plus during a company showcase Wednesday in San Francisco. STEPHEN LAM/GETTY IMAGES

company as Cook attempts to build a business that doesn't rely so heavily on the iPhone.

For now, however, the iPhone is still Apple's most important product. Sales of the iconic smartphone contributed more than two-thirds of the Cupertino, Calif. company's \$107 bil-

lion in revenue during the first half of 2015.

Apple announced Wednesday that it will sell two new iPhone models, dubbed the 6s and 6s Plus, starting Sept. 25. They're roughly the same size and will cost the same as the record-selling 6 and 6 Plus models intro-

duced last year, which will now sell for \$100 less.

The new iPhones will have more memory, faster processors, a new 12 mega-pixel camera, and the new "3D Touch" feature that will be able to distinguish differences in finger pressure on the screen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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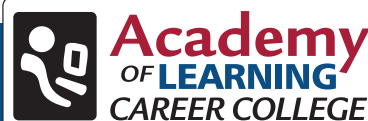
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## CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON HOW HARPER MISSED THE MARK



**“Critics ... do not see the pursuit of the military engagement against Islamic extremists as a rationale to decline to resettle many more Syrian refugees in Canada.**

It is not necessary to set one's watch on polls to see that Stephen Harper's business-as-usual reaction to the Syrian refugee issue has missed the political mark.

One look at the line-up of critics who are, to put it mildly, underwhelmed by his low-key response to the resettlement needs of hundreds of thousands of Syrian civilians driven out of their country by an ongoing civil war tells the story.

Unlike the opposition parties, more than a few of those critics actually support Harper's decision to sign Canada up for airstrikes against Islamic extremists in the Middle East.

Unlike the Conservative leader, they do not see the pursuit of the military engagement against Islamic extremists in the Middle East as an excuse or a rationale to decline to resettle many more Syrian refugees in Canada right away.

Retired general Rick Hillier served as the commander of the armed forces at the peak of the country's military engagement in Afghanistan. A dove he most certainly is not.

On his Facebook page this week, Hillier wrote: “I wonder why we, as the great country that we are, could not stand tall during these dark days for the hundreds of thousands of displaced souls who are fleeing, quite literally, for their very lives.”

He believes Canada should try to bring in 50,000 migrants before the end of the year.

Barbara McDougall served as Secretary of State of External Affairs in Brian Mulroney's Progressive Conserv-

ative government. She, too, believes Harper has so far not risen to the challenge.

In an op-ed piece published on Tuesday in The Globe and Mail, McDougall wrote, “It is beyond time for Mr. Harper to recognize that every leader faces an unexpected moral choice that sometimes seems to come out of nowhere — and this is his.”

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is one of Harper's closest provincial allies. On the day after Harper argued for a stay-the-course approach to the refugee crisis last week, Wall tweeted: “SK can support more refugees. As a people & govt we will do our part for those fleeing war, tyranny for safe asylum.”

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard supported Canada's military participation

in strikes against Islamic extremists in the Middle East from the very start. He, too, is no dove.

His government wants to triple the number of Syrian refugees coming to Quebec. A number of other provinces, including Ontario, have similarly offered to do more. Couillard also decided to find out for himself just how difficult it is to sponsor a refugee family. He joined a group of his riding's constituents set up for that purpose.

Toronto Mayor John Tory — a former Ontario Progressive Conservative leader — has also signed up to help sponsor refugees. And he has been working with the mayors of Canada's other big cities to push to resettle more Syrian migrants in Canada. “As mayor of the most multicultural city, I

believe we should mobilize to sponsor Syrian refugees. This is who we are as Canadians,” he explained.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi leads the city that is home to Harper's riding. On the weekend, he called the Conservative response to the migrant issue a “disgrace.”

When he decided to stay the course on the refugee issue late last week, Harper knew he was walking into a fight with his opposition rivals.

He must have, at least initially, relished the prospect, for he could have instead taken up the other leaders on their unanimous offer to come together around a range of more proactive measures on the refugee front.

Harper called that a partisan game.

The refugee crisis appeared on the campaign radar at a time when the Conservatives were in dire need of a shot of momentum after a bruising first month on the hustings.

Since then, the party has dropped to third place in voting intentions in a number of polls.

Based on the recent past, the high road not taken would have led to greener pastures for the Conservative campaign. It was when he allowed Canadians to catch a glimpse of his non-partisan side, right after the Parliament Hill shootings, that Harper last caught a real break in voting intentions.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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## Religious freedoms are not a get-out-of-work-free card

Was it a baptism?

Was it a boxing match? Press conference or religious rite?

By the way they played Eye of the Tiger and held Kim Davis' arms up high as a cross bobbed over the cheering crowd, the way she bent over with tears of ecstasy to be free from jail after refusing to grant gay people marriage licences in Kentucky — I really couldn't tell.

“I just want to give God the glory,” Davis said. “We serve a living God who knows exactly where each and every one stands. Keep pressing; don't let down, because He is here. He is worthy.”

You might have missed it, but she was really talking about gay rights there.

And as a Catholic, I've gotta say, she's dead wrong.

Religious freedoms aren't a get-out-of-work-free card. Your beliefs don't trump the rights of others.

Davis' job is to uphold the law in the U.S. The law says gay people can marry. That, unfortunately for her, is the end of it.

It's a different story for Charee Stanley, a Muslim woman who won't serve alcohol as a flight attendant because her faith prevents it. Given that some other flight attendant can easily pour the wine, her employer — whom she's now suing after she was suspended — should

be able to accommodate that. Employers, to quote her lawyer, should “provide a safe environment where employees can feel they can practise their religion freely.”

What makes the two cases different is that one is about the core function of a job, while the other is not.

One is about “pressing” to shape the world to your faith. The other is about figuring out how to live with your faith in the world.

One is about what others should not have. The other is about what you, as a believer, can reasonably demand.

But more than that, these cases open up the question of how to be around those different from you.

Is your belief meant to guard you like a thick coat from the cold (the non-religious)? Or is your belief a tool to make the world a more loving place?

Do you love God alone, or do you love God everywhere? In everyone?

An obsession over the rules can only blind you to their raison d'être. Faith is not black and white. And it should never be wielded as a weapon.

You can do justice to God by doing justice to your fellow woman. But you cannot remake the world in your own image. If you can't accept that, Davis, find another job.

### THE MICROTREND: What's old is brewed again



North American craft brewers, whether they know it or not, are refreshing a centuries-old tradition by tapping the power of beer to raise awareness and funds for good causes. Proceeds from Ottawa-brewed Whipsnapper Slinger support mental-health care, while Seattle's KEXP Transistor IPA is helping a college radio station stay afloat. It's a twist on a European medieval tradition, in which townspeople would gather around a communal cask and pay a fee to partake. A “help-ale” was for the unfortunate, a “church-ale” for building maintenance and a “bid-ale” to aid the bankrupt. A “bride-ale” would help a young couple set up a home — perhaps the origin of the “bridal” shower custom of today.

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## 5 NEW FILMS BASED ON HOT BOOKS

For those who prefer a little CanLit with their popcorn, here are five festival circuit films with local literary ties

**Sue Carter**

For Metro Canada



For hardcore cinephiles, the Toronto International Film Festival marks the end of the summer's superhero season with its promise of future Oscar contenders and more "serious-minded" fare. As always, this year's festival circuit lineup offers plenty of brain candy for readers, with adaptations of novels by Martin Amis (London Fields), Colm Tóibín (Brooklyn), J.G. Ballard (High-Rise) and more. A handful of others have local ties.

**1 Hyena Road** There are few works that have attempted to capture Canadian experiences in Afghanistan, but multitalented actor-writer-director Paul Gross is doing both, by simultaneously releasing print and cinematic versions of his contemporary war story, Hyena Road. Gross, who also stars in the film, interconnects the stories of a Canadian intelligence officer and sniper with that of a Jihadist. Expect this to be a tough watch: Gross followed a similar structure for his 2008 film Passchendaele, which dug deep into the emotional being of those permanently scarred by the bloody First World War battle.

**2 The Martian** This year's outer-space blockbuster stars half of Hollywood, including Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Kate Mara. But it's also a fairy tale story for California debut writer Andy Weir — one with a Canadian twist. Before Random House and director Ridley Scott came a-calling with major book and film deals, respectively, Weir self-published his intergalactic saga, The Martian, on his website, where it was discovered and released as an audiobook by Podium Publishing, a small operation out of Newmarket, Ont.

**3 Al Purdy Was Here** It doesn't get any more CanLit than this tribute documentary to the late Al Purdy, who was dubbed the country's "unofficial poet laureate" when he died in 2000. The debut doc by former Maclean's film critic Brian D. Johnson features plenty of archival footage, luminaries such as Irving Layton, Margaret Lawrence and Leonard Cohen, as well as inspired performances by musicians such as Sarah Harmer, Bruce Cockburn and Tanya Tagaq. If you need a primer on the hard-drinking Bukowski-endorsed poet, find a copy of Beyond Remembering: The Collected Poems of Al Purdy.

**4 Room** The premise behind Emma Donoghue's 2010 international bestselling novel, Room, sounds like a sensational tabloid story: a five-year-old boy named Jack is held captive in a single room, innocently unaware there's an outside world, thanks to his fiercely protective mother. Yet, because of Jack's innocent narration and perspective, the book never veers into the horrific. While it's tough to imagine that the film, starring Brie Larson, could as effectively capture Jack's voice or the resilient parental bond, the great news is Donoghue also wrote the screenplay.

**5 This Changes Everything** Arguably one of the most significant books on climate change and corporate responsibility, Naomi Klein's award-winning volume This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Environment gets a documentary treatment by her husband, director Avi Lewis. Shot in nine countries over four years, the companion film focuses on seven stories of inspiring frontline activists who are challenging failing economic models in an effort to radically change their own communities, and in return, the future of the planet.



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# A poison pen name



Sherman Alexie is defending his inclusion of "The Bees" in The Best American Poetry 2015. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## POETRY

### White poet uses Chinese pseudonym in 2015 anthology

Facing sharp criticism in the literary world and beyond, Sherman Alexie is defending his decision to include a poem by a white man writing under a Chinese pen name in The Best American Poetry 2015.

Alexie, an award-winning poet and fiction writer, wrote a long blog post over the weekend in which he acknowledged his anger and embarrassment upon learning that Yi-Fen Chou's The Bees, the Flowers, Jesus, Ancient Tigers, Poseidon, Adam and Eve was in fact composed by Michael Derrick Hudson. Alexie was guest editor for the anthology, published Tuesday, and news of Hudson's ruse set off a lengthy online debate.

Many called Hudson a racist, and a reminder of times when actors ranging from Katharine Hepburn to Mickey Rooney played Asian characters.

"Folks, if there is such a thing as employing yellowface in poetry, this has to be it," Phil Yu wrote on his blog Angry Asian Man.

Alexie, alerted to Yi-Fen's real identity by Hudson himself, wrote on blog.bestamericanpoetry.com that personal embarrassment would have been the only reason for removing the poem.

"I would have pulled it because I didn't want to hear people say, 'Oh, look at the big Indian writer conned by the white guy.' I would have dumped the poem because of my vanity," he wrote. "If I'd pulled the poem then I would have been denying that I gave the poem special

attention because of the poet's Chinese pseudonym.

"If I'd pulled the poem then I would have been denying that I was consciously and deliberately seeking to address past racial, cultural, social, and esthetic injustices in the poetry world."

Alexie's acceptance of the "The Bees," one of just 75 poems chosen from hundreds of submissions, seemed to justify Hudson's reason for pretending he was Chinese. He acknowledges in the book's biographical notes that he called himself Yi-Fen Chou because the poem had been rejected 40 times under his own name.

"I realize that this isn't a very 'artistic' explanation of using a pseudonym," wrote Hudson, a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, whose work has also appeared in numerous publications under his own name.

Last fall, "The Bees" and three other poems under the name Yi-Fen Chou appeared in Prairie Schooner, a quarterly based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "The Bees" is a 20-line poem, with philosophical asides and sexual and bathroom humour, in which the poet confesses: "My life's spent/running an inept tour for my own sad swindle of a vacation/until every goddamned thing's reduced to botched captions/ and dabs of misinformation in fractured/not-quite-right English."

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Blogger Phil Yu

## TUNE IN

### Eddie Murphy gets prize

Chris Rock, Kathy Griffin, Arsenio Hall and other comedians will perform next month in honour of Eddie Murphy as he receives the nation's top prize for humour at the Kennedy Center in Washington. The stars will salute Murphy on Oct. 18 with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The tribute show will be broadcast Nov. 23 on PBS.

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## JAMES BOND

### Bond author fans controversy

The latest literary installment of the James Bond saga hit stores this week, following controversial comments by Anthony Horowitz, the latest author to assume 007 creator Ian Fleming's mantle.

Trigger Mortis is the first Bond novel released since the death of British writer Fleming 51 years ago to be set in the "tradition and timeline" of the original series, according to publisher Orion.

It begins two weeks after Bond's defeat of arch-criminal Goldfinger, immortalized in the

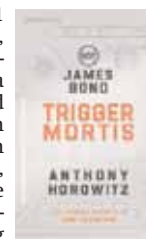
Oscar-winning 1964 film of the same name. "It was always my intention to go back to the true Bond," said the 60-year-old British author. But the release was overshadowed in recent weeks by comments Horowitz made about current Bond actor Daniel Craig and the possibility of black actor Idris Elba taking on the role.

The author called actor Craig "weak" and said that the most recent film Skyfall was riddled with errors.

He also criticized Jeffery

Deaver's 2011 Carte Blanche, which featured a 32-year-old Bond as an Afghanistan War veteran, saying the "contemporary setting was wrong."

Despite the controversies, the reviews were mostly complimentary. AFP



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# Small publishers shine on Giller list

## LITERARY AWARD

### Prize longlist features novels and short story collections

The 2015 Scotiabank Giller Prize longlist was announced yesterday — and along with some expected names there are a few surprises among the nominees for the \$100,000 award for the winner.

The announcement was made at McGill University in Montreal, the alma mater of the award's founder, Jack Rabinovitch, which was established in 1994 in memory of his wife, Doris Giller, a former books editor at the Toronto Star.

Small publishers made a strong showing with Windsor, Ont.-based Biblioasis claiming three of the 12 spots on the longlist.

"I'm going to have to splurge for a bottle of something now," joked Dan Wells, owner of Biblioasis.

House of Anansi Press and Coach House Books each garnered one book, while big publishers HarperCollins and Penguin Random House cleaned up the final seven spots.

Andre Alexis' *Fifteen Dogs* (Coach House), has also been shortlisted for a Toronto Book Award.

He was previously nominated for the Giller for his 1997 novel *Childhood*.

Michael Christie for his novel *If I Fall, If I Die*, (McClelland & Stewart); his first



Patrick deWitt's new title *Undermajordomo Minor* and Marina Endicott's *Close to Hugh* have been longlisted for the Giller Prize.

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novel, *The Beggar's Garden*, made the longlist in 2011.

Rachel Cusk, a Canadian-born writer who works and lives in the U.K., is nominated for her novel *Outline* (Harper Perennial, an imprint of HarperCollins).

Marina Endicott for her novel *Close to Hugh*, (Double Day Canada).

This is a repeat showing for Endicott: her second novel

*Good to a Fault* was shortlisted for the prize in 2008.

Saskatchewan writer Connie Gault is on the Giller list for the first time with her second novel *A Beauty* (McClelland & Stewart).

Clifford Jackman was nominated for his novel *The Winter Family* (Random House Canada) an allegorical Western story.

Patrick deWitt's nomination for *Undermajordomo Minor* (House of Anansi Press) follows the massive success of his second novel *The Sisters Brothers* in 2011, which also made the Giller list.

Arvida by Samuel Archibald, translated from the

French by Donald Winkler, *Confidence*, Russell Smith's short story collection and Martin John a novel by Anakana Schofield, were all published by Biblioasis.

While this isn't the first time one of their books has been nominated for the Giller, having three on the list is a very strong showing.

"I think our list, book for book, is up with the best every year whether it makes an awards list or not.

"What it means for us is that we can do more for our books, people will be more open to discussing them and reading them and giving them a chance in ways they

wouldn't have beforehand. It increases our opportunities to promote these books and that more than anything is what I'm grateful for," he added.

This year's five-member jury — another change from previous years when the jury was just three — was chaired by Irish writer John Boyne and included Canadian writers Cecil Foster, Alexander MacLeod and Alison Pick, as well as British writer Helen Oyeyemi.

In a combined statement, the jury said "It's been a joy to immerse ourselves in a world of fiction that speaks of the past and present, of women and men, of rural and urban

identities, of humans and animals, of lives lived well and lives lived badly.

"While the writing we've encountered has been marked by audacity and wit, eccentricity and elegance, it has also reminded us of the extraordinary treasures to be found in contemporary Canadian literature."

The prize shortlist will be announced in Toronto on October 5, while the winners will be announced at a gala event to be aired live on CBC on November 10.

The winner of the prize will win \$100,000, while each finalist will receive \$10,000.

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## BOOKS

### Established favourites and up-and-comers on list

Heather O'Neill was nominated for her short fiction collection *Daydreams of Angels* (HarperCollins), marking the second year in a row for her.

O'Neill's novel *The Girl Who Was Saturday Night* was shortlisted for the 2014 Giller Prize.

First-time novelist Alix Hawley was nominated for her book *All True Not A Lie In It* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada), which tells the story of Daniel Boone — in the first person.

In a Torstar News Service interview earlier this year, Hawley said of her interest in Boone: "(His) name is known by everybody and nobody really knows what he did and so little remains of him.

"So it made me wonder how does that trace get left?

"How do some people leave that mark on time."

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# #liveauthentic with Hipster Barbie

## INSTAGRAM

### Sick of all the artful latte shots, photog starts parody account

Irene Kuan  
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The folks at Mattel may want to capitalize on this idea for their next Barbie doll.

A parody account called Sociality Barbie, a.k.a. Hipster Barbie has blown up over the Internet, amassing more than 900K followers on Instagram with her cool style, #liveauthentic nature shots, deep thoughts and perfectly posed photos of latte art, ice cream art and outfits of the day.

The account was created three months ago by a Portland, Oregon-based wedding photographer, who started Instagramming pics of an intricately posed brunette Barbie dressed in the latest hipster-fashion finds. Think Filson backpack, Warby Parker glasses, crochet beanie and a Pendleton blanket.

She's often pictured in front of

scenic nature backdrops, in cafes with a birds-eye view of her latte, and accompanied by a purposely annoying, snide caption.

The creator, who wants to remain anonymous, said she made the account to "show how ridiculous social media has become."

"I was getting tired of seeing people taking the same pictures, in the same places, and using the same captions while hash tagging #liveauthentic," she said.

Hipster Barbie's profile describes her as living "That PNW (Pacific Northwest) Life, and says she is an adventurer and coffee drinker who puts her faith in Jesus."

Barbie's life includes #exploring and #exploringmore, contemplating life through her travels and finding beauty and creativity in every moment of life.

However, if you read her Instagram captions closely, you can tell the account is mocking social-media crazy millennials and their ideas of "deep" thoughts and living that authentic life.

Check out the account. Are you slightly jealous her Instagram pics are so much better than yours?

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## 5

## KEY QUESTIONS AT NYFW

New York Fashion Week officially starts today, and this season has so much fun in store: Kardashians, runway diversity, Paris Fashion, flash floods! Here's everything you need to know to keep up with it all. **RAQUEL LANERI/METRO NEW YORK**

## Givenchy brings chaos?

Mais non! Givenchy creative director and Kim Kardashian wedding dress designer Riccardo Tisci will be skipping Paris Fashion Week this season, bringing the historic couture label to the Big Apple. Even more controversially, he's opening his show's doors to the hoi polloi, inviting 1,200 "regular people," including 280 fashion students at teachers. As if that weren't enough to make Anna Wintour's head spin, expect god-daughter North West — cause of the Vogue editor's ire last season — to be there, front row, too. Also, with "sport" wear more popular than ever, will people just show up in their literal gym clothes?



## 2 Jenner steals spotlight?

Caitlyn Jenner is going to be the celebrity get this season at Fashion Week — and we bet that her presence will cause even more hoopla than the rest of her brood combined. Anna Wintour, for one, will surely welcome the opportunity to sit courtside with the transgender heroine, and perhaps that will lead to a Vogue cover.



## 3 A post-everything runway?

OK, so the runways may still be predominantly white, but there's no denying that casting directors are branching out. Fashion Week's latest stars are Madeline Stuart, who has Down Syndrome and will walk FTL Moda, and Winnie Harlow, an America's Next Top Model vet who has vitiligo. Avant-garde label Eckhaus Latta won accolades last season for its diverse lineup featuring young trans teens and middle-aged women. So did Chromat and Kanye West for showing a wide(r) range of bodies and colours. Will other designers follow suit? Let's hope yes.



## 4 Will Public School bring urban cool back to DKNY?

The debut of the season: Public School designers Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne will take the helm at DKNY — and take charge of Donna Karan's legacy at large after the iconic designer stepped down from her namesake label this summer. Expect the cool-kid duo to inject some attitude, youthful insouciance and gender-bending into the label. We're excited.



## 5 Who will take over Balenciaga?

New York bad boy Alexander Wang did the unthinkable and up and quit his prestigious post at fancy French label Balenciaga in July to focus on his own brand, sparking speculations about who will take his place. But after Wang's comments about his time there — "essentially I (was) just another employee," he told W Magazine — don't expect any big-name designers to be scrambling for the gig.

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# Funny guys fare well in the game of love: Study

## PSYCHOLOGY

### Shared laughs suggest a spark between a man and a woman

When two strangers meet, the man's efforts to be funny are often met with laughter from the woman that reflect more of an interest in him rather than the joke. And laughing together is a sure sign of a spark, according to a new study.

The research team set out to explore the relationship between humour and intelligence, and they now suggest men ditch their pick-up lines in favour of punchlines when they're looking for love.

The idea that humour is a signal of intelligence doesn't give humour its due credit," says study author Jeffrey Hall of the University of Kansas. "If you meet someone who you can laugh with, it might mean your future relationship is going to be fun and filled with good cheer."

His paper Sexual Selection and Humor in Courtship: A Case for Warmth and Extroversion, published in the journal Evolutionary Psychology, found no connection between humour and intelligence.

In the first of three experiments 35 participants reflected on the Facebook profiles of 100 strangers to understand their personalities, and Hall compared their assessments with questionnaires filled out by the Facebook users.

Extroversion — defined as interest focused on others rather than oneself — was the predominant characteristic shared by humorous individuals, surprisingly more so than intelligence, according to the study.

Strangers honed in easily on whether or not the other was extroverted, and the study found little difference in the number of

jokes women published on their Facebook pages as opposed to men.

In the second experiment, almost 300 students shared their academic performance records with Hall and expressed their

feelings on humour and courtship by responding to a questionnaire.

Here, Hall found no connection between intelligence and humour, yet again he uncovered a relationship between humour and extroversion.

His next question pertained to the role of humour in romantic attraction and for his third and final experiment he recruited 51 pairs of single, heterosexual students who had never met.

Given their privacy, each pair of strangers was asked to talk for

10 minutes and then remark on their conversations in a survey.

Hall concluded that the more attempts a man made at humour that solicited an enthusiastic response from the woman indicated a likeliness that she was attracted to him, yet the reverse was not true for women who

tried to be funny.

In conclusion, Hall says that having a sociable and agreeable personality — of which humour is an indicator — is an important characteristic sought out by singles yet often overlooked, and that shared laughter could be a path to lasting love. AFP

## APPS BRIEFS

### Tinder testing new 'Super Like' feature

As of Wednesday, Tinder users in Australia will be able to swipe up to really highlight how they feel about a potential match.

The new feature will eventually roll out globally, but for now is confined to Australia, where app users will be restricted to just one 'Super Like' each day.

That's because the idea behind the new feature is



to highlight how serious one user is about another. Limiting its use will make sure Super Likes

aren't abused, the company reasons. AFP

**"If you meet someone who you can laugh with, it might mean your future relationship is going to be fun."**

Researcher  
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## GOSSIP BRIEFS

**Sienna Miller's highs and lows**

Sienna Miller just needs to vent, OK? The actress and new mom — who recently split from the father of her young daughter, Tom Sturridge — gets refreshingly candid with British Vogue about how taxing it all can be.

"Obviously when you have a baby it's the most incredible experience but your life is also catapulted

into this chaos and you are exhausted. I could literally get on this table and fall asleep," she says. "That's the curse of motherhood—we just run ourselves ragged. I'm just trying to get a sense of what that guilt is. I sometimes feel like it's a totally invented emotion. It's strange to be punishing ourselves this way. It's not healthy."

And as for her feelings on Sturridge? Well, it's not much sunnier — but at least her career is on track. "It's been really quite overwhelming recently, just with the volume of everything going on," she admits. "Everything is shifting. It's actually been the s—t year, and amazing. It's always yin and yang. I feel like if you're excelling in one area, it's hard to manage both and I do feel like the work is going really well."

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## ROMANCE

**Stefani-Shelton hookup?**

There's a delightful kind of symmetry in this new gossip item about The Voice hosts Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton possibly becoming an item in the wake of both of their divorces. It's all just so streamlined and convenient. I love it. "They're really into each other. Let's face it, they were both unhappily married when they met," a source tells In Touch. "Now their divorce proceedings are something they can talk about and commiserate over." And apparently they've been doing more than just commiserating. While it seems



mildly terrifying for the singer of No Doubt to be getting down with country star Shelton, apparently he's completely smitten with her. Shelton "is in awe of her career, talent and business savvy," the source explains.

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# Ellen's American Idol stint her 'worst decision'



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Ellen DeGeneres told Howard Stern that she 'hated' her time as a judge on American Idol. GETTY IMAGES

## CONFESSIONS

**Former judge isn't the first to speak ill about time on show**

**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro | Hollywood

Regrets, Ellen DeGeneres has a few. And chief among them? Agreeing to be a judge on American Idol back in 2010.

"That's one of the worst decisions I've made," DeGeneres tells Howard Stern during an interview, admitting that she "hated" her time on the show.

And she's not the first former judge to speak out about the show. In May, Mariah Carey admitted during a radio interview that her tenure on the hit reality show was pretty

terrible, too. "That was the worst experience of my life," Carey said.

"I'm not going to get into what it was, but let's just say I don't think they had any intentions for us to have a good experience doing that show."

Yikes. Good thing it's ending after the upcoming season, yeah? So what is it about the show that made these folks so unhappy? Could it just be that, thanks to the tone set by Simon Cowell, everyone comes away with a tendency toward hyperbole? That's just the worst.

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## What they're asking

This week we picked a selection of three-bedroom resale homes in quiet neighbourhoods, suitable for growing families. These newer homes are located in residential neighbourhoods just outside the city core.

**Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

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### Calgary

Featured is a detached, two-storey home at 27 Copperpond Sq. SE, in the Copperfield neighbourhood. Located across from a playground on a quiet street, the home offers numerous upgrades including hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings and stainless steel appliances. The main floor offers a spacious great room with gas fireplace, and large kitchen with lots of counter space. The yard is landscaped and fully fenced. Tim Lind is a sales representative for RE/Max Real Estate (Mountain View), 403-333-0837.



**\$567,500**

### Edmonton

This two-storey home in Lakeland Ridge is located on a quiet street. The main floor is bright and open with large windows, with main-floor laundry and a walk-through pantry. Many upgrades throughout the home include nine-foot ceilings, quartz countertops, appliances, lighting fixtures and window coverings. The backyard has a two-tiered deck, and there's a spacious garage. The home is located near walking trails and schools. Jeremy Amyotte is a sales representative with RE/Max Elite, 780-232-7170.



**\$949,000**

### Ottawa

For sale is this custom-designed Houry Avedissian executive home built by West Hill Homes, in the Westboro Beach neighbourhood. There's 2,100 sq. ft. of living space, a garage and finished lower level. The open-concept living areas have nine-foot ceilings on the main level, glass staircase and Deslaurier kitchen with quartz countertops. There's a private landscaped outdoor space with deck. Listing agent Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.



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A peaceful escape from the city's hustle and bustle, Auburn Bay residents can enjoy a 43-acre freshwater lake. The leisure area also boasts a beachfront for use in the summer, and a park to be enjoyed all year round.

## Location and transit

The Auburn Bay development is nestled on the outskirts of Deerfoot Trail and Highway 201 for quick commuters, and is only a short drive away from Calgary's Somerset-Bridlewood train station.

## In the neighbourhood

A perfect place for families, this spacious area of the city is home to a surplus of parks and other recreational communities like McKenzie Lake and Lake Chaparral. Auburn Bay is also right next door to Seton, Calgary's South Urban District featuring retail shops, grocery stores and plenty of places to dine out.

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For Metro Canada



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# Is a mortgage broker right for you?

## MONEY MATTERS

### A big decision sometimes means help from an expert

**Liz Brown**  
For Metro

Shopping for the largest loan of your life is a daunting process.

Obtaining the right mortgage for your personal situation requires plenty of research, comparison shopping and negotiation. And in some cases, you may want to bring in an expert to help — a mortgage broker.

Mortgage brokers work for homebuyers to find the best mortgages for their clients. Often homebuyers think the best mortgages are the ones with the lowest interest rates, but a good broker does more than that.

"It's not just about rates anymore," said Jessi Johnson, a Vancouver-based mortgage broker. "There are so many additional services a good broker will provide."



There are many services a broker will provide beyond finding the best mortgage rates. SHUTTERSTOCK

Brokers can do annual or semi-annual reviews of their clients' mortgage situation, discuss long-term goals and help with annual credit checks to ensure their credit is still clean.

"They are a debt manager," said Johnson.

"We also regularly look at mortgage rates," he adds. For example, a 10-year-term mortgage that was a good deal at

3.89 per cent two years ago isn't such a good deal today. Johnson helps clients break and renegotiate these loans. "The last client I did it for, I saved them \$30,000," he said.

In most cases, the lender is the party that pays the broker fee, not the homebuyer. "So instead of spending money on advertising to attract a homebuyer, the lender will just pay

the broker to bring the client to them," he said.

While brokers can do much of the legwork for homebuyers, banks have made it more convenient for homebuyers to shop and compare mortgages as well.

At TD, homebuyers can consult with a mobile mortgage specialist who will come right to their homes to assist them in selecting the mortgage that is right for them, a service that many mortgage brokers provide as well.

"They will meet when and where it is convenient for you and offer you lending expertise and knowledge," said Pat Giles, TD's associate vice president, real estate secured lending.

Ultimately, the decision to use a mortgage broker or go directly to a bank and negotiate yourself depends on the amount of time and research you are willing to invest. But if you do decide to use a mortgage broker, Johnson recommends asking if they are an AMP (accredited mortgage professional), which means the broker has professional training and at least two years' experience in the industry.

## Variety of options: Make your payment plan right for you

When deciding on a mortgage, there's myriad of payment options that lenders offer to homebuyers, and all of them come with pros and cons.

Terms like "accelerated bi-weekly payments" get tossed about by budget gurus who advocate paying a mortgage down as quickly as possible. And while it's a good idea to get the mortgage monkey off your back sooner rather than later, an aggressive payment schedule doesn't necessarily work for everyone.

"It all depends on your cash flow," said Olayinka Brimoh, a Winnipeg-based mortgage planner with Mortgage Architects. "If you get paid biweekly, it's better to set your payments as biweekly. If you get paid monthly, set your payments to monthly. It's what works best for your budget."

Pat Giles, associate vice president of real estate, secured lending for TD agrees.

"A payment plan is really personal and unique to you — and will in large part depend on your income and how you manage your finances."

For first-time homebuyers, Giles recommends setting a budget and payment plan and then taking it for a "test drive"

by setting aside that amount on a payment schedule in a high interest TFSA. "This two-fold approach allows you to see how comfortably you can pay off the mortgage while also helping you save for a larger down payment," he said.

Clinton Wayne, a Toronto-based mortgage agent with Mortgage Edge, advises his clients to play it safe and always opt for a monthly instead of biweekly payment. "It's true you end up with an extra payment at the end of the year when you pay biweekly, but those biweekly payments come up pretty fast if there's a disruption in pay," he said.

According to Wayne, the cost of missing one of those biweekly payments negates the yearly savings of opting for a more accelerated payment plan. Instead, Wayne advises his clients put aside that extra payment in a TFSA and when they have saved a sufficient amount, put it on the mortgage as a lump sum payment.

"The money is better in your pocket than in the pocket of the bank," he said.

"Naturally, we all want to be mortgage free, but we also don't want to be stressed about mak-



While it's a good idea to pay off your mortgage sooner rather than later, an aggressive payment schedule doesn't necessarily work for everyone. SHUTTERSTOCK

ing the payments," adds Giles. "It's important to ensure you are taking thorough inventory of all of your monthly expenses while

also continuing to put money aside for future savings and unexpected expenses."

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## PAYMENT

### Find ways to chip away at mortgage

Most homeowners dream of the day they can burn those mortgage papers and be free of cumbersome house payments.

The typical mortgage is amortized over 25 years, but that doesn't mean you need to spend two and a half decades paying down your debt. With some careful budgeting and negotiation, there are plenty of ways to chip away at your mortgage faster.

"It's common knowledge that paying down a debt faster is going to save you money over time," said Jeffrey Schwartz, executive director of the Toronto-based Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada. "If you have less money outstanding over a shorter period of time, you're going to be paying less interest."

The first logical way to shorten the life of a mortgage is to start with a larger down payment.

"The larger down payment, the less you'll need to borrow, which saves money in interest payments over the long term," said Pat Giles, associate vice president of real estate secured lending at TD. "With a larger down payment buyers may also qualify to save on mortgage insurance premiums upfront."

Another strategy is to 'round up' your mortgage payments. So if your payments are \$1,345 monthly, round them up to an even \$1,400.

"Even though you think that might be less than what will make a dent, if you do it over time, this can save you thousands of dollars in interest," said Schwartz.

Most mortgages have options for making annual lump sum payments of up to 15 or 20 per cent of the mortgage, so taking financial windfalls like a bonus or large tax refund and putting it towards these lump sum payments will also shrink your mortgage faster.

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Seven months after claiming the franchise's fourth NFL title, the Patriots return to the field for the season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the league's annual kickoff game.

Even for a team that's made its reputation on avoiding distractions, the competition will provide a welcome relief from a summer of talk about deflated footballs and the ideal gas law.

"It's time for me to do my job," Brady said this week when he spoke to reporters for the first time since the news conference for his third Super Bowl MVP award. "Anything that's happened over the last seven months really wasn't my job. This is what my job is, to go out there and try to be a great leader for our team, to try to go out and

Steelers All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell and wide receiver Martavis Bryant are among the 26 players who will begin the season on suspension.

Both players violated the league's policy on substance abuse. Bell will miss the first two games, while Bryant has been docked four games.

execute the plays that are called and execute them at a high level. That's where my focus is."

The victory for Brady and the players' union left Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with mixed emotions. "I still have a ton of respect for Tom. I think he is the best in the business. If you want to be the best you have to beat the best," he said.

"Yeah, of course one part of you doesn't want him out there because he is the best in the world, but a bigger part of you as a competitor wants him out there because he is the best." NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus of Patriots fans' anger during the 'Deflategate' investigation, will skip the opener.

"He believes that the focus should be on the game on the field and the festivities celebrating the Patriots' Super Bowl championship," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

## NEL

Peyton Manning's summer was both dazzling and perplexing.

Practices consisted of sprint-outs, roll-outs and bootlegs from under centre, play-action passes from the pistol formation and scrambles for first downs in defiance of his 39-year-old legs.

Pre-season games were filled with empty backfields and shotgun formations that produced a paucity of points and plenty of angst among Broncos fans and fantasy football owners alike.

Which Manning shows up Sunday is the subject of much debate. "The last three years he's been here, there were (pre-season) games we didn't score points and we'd come out and score 35, 42 points" in the opener, wide receiver Demaryius Thomas said. "So, I don't know if it's by design or not, but it happens."

If Manning is concerned that he didn't find the end zone in August, he didn't show it Wed-

nesday. "Hey, I'm looking forward to Sunday and looking forward to seeing how we're going to perform," Manning said.

"Baltimore's an excellent defense. Are you going to dominate all four quarters? I don't think anybody's ever done that against Baltimore, but hopefully you can win enough plays and be efficient enough to win the football game."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh said a big challenge he's facing

this week as he prepares for the opener was figuring out how Broncos coach Gary Kubiak, his former offensive co-ordinator, was adapting his scheme to fit Manning's skills.

"The teams that play him in Week 3 and down the road will have a better feel for that than we will," Harbaugh said. "I'm sure that they didn't show in the pre-season everything that they're planning on doing."

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# Bet on NFL fans to raise stakes

Odds are pretty good that, over the course of this football season, Canadians tuning in to North America's most popular spectator sport will pour more money into wagers — both legal and otherwise — than they have ever before



**Cam Tucker**  
Metro | Vancouver

A pint of beer sits in front of Owen Munro. A man behind the bar flips the channel to the beginning of the Seattle Seahawks' final exhibition tilt.

The National Football League — so popular among sports fans, including those in Canada who place wagers legally through provincial lottery corporations or illegally through bookies and offshore websites — is back.

Munro, 22, has been betting on football from the time he became the legal age to do so. He won his first-ever bet — \$75 from a \$20 wager — and he's been doing it consistently for three NFL seasons ever since.

"It's a lot of fun," Munro tells me. "I wouldn't say an addiction, so much. It's a hobby, I guess."

But for Ryan Boyd and John Makrigiannis, betting on football is more than just a hobby. Their decisions are calculated, their emotional attachment diminished if not completely abandoned.

The duo has gone from merely betting on NFL games to launching their own interactive "fanalytics" website, FootballEngineer.com, which allows subscribers to create player rankings and team projections.

The business of betting on the NFL is big in Canada, even though the league doesn't have a team in this country.

The B.C. Lottery Corporation is predicting that the amount of money legally wagered through the corporation on NFL games this upcoming season will surpass the roughly \$13.9 million



**Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger passes against the Buffalo Bills during a pre-season NFL game on Aug. 29. Gamblers all over North America will be watching closely when the Steelers open their NFL season tonight against the Patriots.**

GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

in legal bets placed over the last season, according to a spokesperson

And, in Ontario, the business is far bigger. A representative of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation told me that from April 2013 through March 2014, \$82.3 million out of about \$282 million in legal, OLG-administered sports betting was wagered on the NFL.

"It's an ongoing soap opera and it culminates every Sunday," says Randall the Handle, one of Canada's best-known sports prognosticators, who



**I think most people, if they have a choice between doing something legally and doing something illegally ... would usually choose legally.**

Bill Rutsey, CEO, Canadian Gaming Association

has used his pseudonym since the 1980s.

"Football's always been the No. 1 betting sport in North America, but it's grown even more over the last five to 10 years."

Not all bets on the NFL are done legally, however.

The Canadian Gaming Association issued a statement prior to the 2015 Super Bowl, stating it estimated \$150 million would be wagered illegally on the big game in Canada, compared to \$3 million in legal bets.

Bill Rutsey, CEO of the CGA, points to the fact that single-event betting is against the law in Canada as a key reason why some people opt to throw money down illegally.

In 2011, Joe Comartin, an NDP MP for Ontario's Windsor-Tecumseh riding, introduced Bill C-290, which would do away with the ban on single-event betting.

The bill passed in the House of Commons but has remained in the Senate, virtually untouched since October 2014.

"I think most people, if they have a choice between doing something legally and doing something illegally, I think would usually choose to do something legally," Rutsey says. "I'm not suggesting that every single dollar is going to come from the underground economy to the legal economy, but I would say a great ... proportion of it will."

While betting on the NFL remains popular, fantasy sports pools, particularly in football, have experienced a meteoric rise.

Citing numbers from an Ipsos Public Affairs poll, the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in June reported that there are now more than 56 million people in Canada and the U.S. playing fantasy sports.

The organization touts football as the favourite sport among players, at a 73 per cent participation rate.

Vancouver-based sports marketing guru Tom Mayenknecht said the NFL has been successful in attracting the demographic

of sports fans aged 18 to 34, and called the rise of fantasy sports a "social phenomena."

"What has happened," said Mayenknecht, "is sports betting has been a driver in people having interest in more than just their favourite team."

As for the start of the NFL season, the Green Bay Packers are favoured to win the Super Bowl, according to VegasInsider.com.

Meanwhile, back in Vancouver, Munro has decided to put his money on another team to win Super Bowl 50, placing

## + THE SPREAD

In practice the point spread is simple to understand: if Minnesota is favoured by 7-1/2 over New Orleans, then Vikings supporters must see their team win by eight or more to cash in, while Saints fans are happy if Minnesota wins by seven or less, or if the Saints pull an upset.

The rationale underpinning spreads is a bit more complicated. The essential idea is to account for the relative strength and weakness of teams, so as to produce a matchup in which the two sides are as close as possible to being equally valuable to bettors.

The spread is a cumulative calculation performed by small groups of people for a small group of sports books, explains Randall the Handle, a well-known Canadian sports prognosticator.

"Their objective, of course, is to draw equal activity on both sides of that point spread because they don't want the house to be exposed," he said. "Ideally they want 50-50 on the game and they earn a commission."

a \$10 bet on the Baltimore Ravens, at the 22-1 odds offered by VegasInsider.com.

"They're usually right there with New England and Pittsburgh," Munro says. "So at that odd set ... it seemed like a good bet to make."



**Ryan Boyd, left, and John Makrigiannis have started their own website, FootballEngineer.com, as an interactive tool for football fans to create their own NFL player rankings and team projections.** CAM TUCKER/METRO



**Almost \$14 million in legal bets passed through the B.C. Lottery Corporation over the last NFL season.**

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO



# RECIPE Shrimp Couscous Salad with Chickpeas and Orange Dressing



## EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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### Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 cup chicken or fish stock
- 1 cup couscous
- 4 oz cooked, peeled shrimp, chopped
- 1/2 cup drained canned mandarin oranges
- 1/2 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup raisins or dried cranberries
- Dressing
- 2 Tbsp thawed orange juice concentrate
- 2 Tbsp lower fat plain yogurt or sour cream
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

### Directions

1. In a small saucepan, bring stock to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in couscous; cover and let stand for five minutes. Fluff with a fork. Transfer to a large bowl, and cool.
2. Stir shrimp, mandarin oranges, chickpeas, green onions, and raisins into couscous.
3. To make dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together orange juice concentrate, yogurt, olive oil, and garlic. Pour over couscous mixture; toss to coat. Garnish with cilantro.

### Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)

- Calories 208
- Protein 10 g
- Carbohydrates 36 g
- Fibre 2.7 g
- Total fat 2.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.4 g
- Cholesterol 37 mg
- Sodium 229 mg

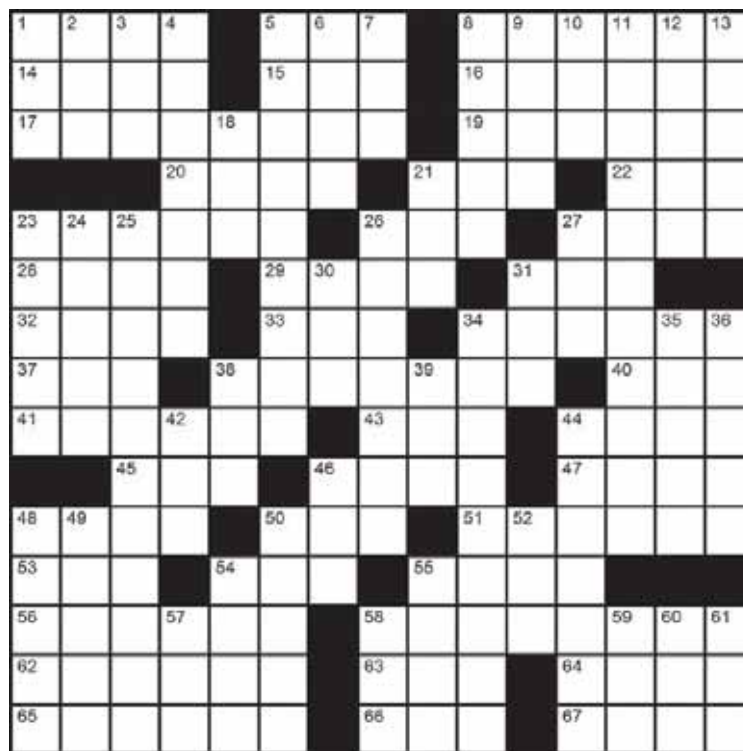
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. Gateway
5. Slick
8. "Superman" (1978) star Christopher, and surnamesakes
14. Harp, in Italy
15. Actor's hint
16. Mr. Grenier of "Entourage"
17. Finalist in the current Lay's 'Do us a Flavour!' chips contest: Cowboy \_\_\_\_ (The other three finalists are at #56-Across, #5-Down and #11-Down!)
19. The Marriage of \_\_, by Mozart, 1786
20. Mr. Lugosi
21. \_\_ & \_\_ (Telecommunications company)
22. Novel
23. Like many a climb's direction
26. '\_\_\_' for Labrador
27. Water's whirl-ee
28. Plane reservation
29. Above
31. Baby guitar
32. Mr. Solo of "Star Wars" (1977), and others
33. "K-\_\_\_" (2001) starring Kevin Spacey
34. Ready-made, as some houses
37. Yore
38. "The \_\_\_ Brief" (1993) starring Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington
40. Function
41. Select an audio function
43. Hot beverage holder



44. Gremlins
45. "Rob \_\_\_" (1995)
46. Style
47. Encounter
48. Eve's guy
50. Sweetie
51. Matures, as a mango
53. CFL official
54. Daze
55. Willing's partner

56. As per #17-Across... \_\_\_ Chicken
58. When family sits at the dining room table
62. "\_\_\_ Eleven" (2001)
63. Grampus
64. Russian river
65. Daze
66. Bowl-shaped

- frying pan
67. Search

## DOWN

1. Smidgen
2. Globe
3. Alphabetic trio
4. Hippity-hoppers
5. As per #17-Across... \_\_\_ de Montreal (Montreal Smoked Meat)
12. Dog-\_\_\_

13. Mr. Owl the Canadian bird
18. Snake-looking splasher
21. Televiser
23. One-named male vocalist
24. The Power of Positive Thinking author, Norman Vincent \_\_ (b.1898 - d. 1993)
25. Like many hobbyist projects
26. Vocabulary
27. Just manage, \_\_\_ out
30. Mr. Kilmer
31. Pot
34. "\_\_\_ Writer" by The Beatles
35. Tree beavers like
36. Trumps
38. Jimmy
39. Cow's wad
42. "Papa-\_\_\_-Mow-Mow" by The Livingtons
44. Momentum
46. Be a ham for the cameras
48. Ann \_\_, Michigan
49. Tie score in tennis
50. Western movie animal
52. Unwell
54. "Twin Peaks" actress Sherilyn
55. 'Air'-meaning prefix
57. Universal principle
58. Maintain the lawn
59. Dublin's country [abbr.]
60. Daisy \_\_ (Li'l Abner character)
61. Deer family member

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

## Aries March 21 - April 20

You will be required to put other people's desires ahead of your own. In fact, working with others will be a great deal of fun, both for them and for you.

## Taurus April 21 - May 21

Cosmic activity in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo will make it easy for you to take the risks you dream about but rarely have the nerve to try. Be your own boss and reap the rewards.

## Gemini May 22 - June 21

It will pay to go along with what other people want to do today. The more you bow to their wishes now the more likely they will be to support you later on when you want to do your own thing.

## Cancer June 22 - July 23

You will be inspired to visit new places and try out new things. You may not be the most adventurous of the zodiac but every now and again you go right the other way and make up for it big time. Such a time is now.

## Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

A money-making opportunity will come your way over the next few days but you must act quickly. You can and you must be more adventurous.

## Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Decisions you make on the spur of the moment will work out well but make sure you know your limits. Don't make promises you can't keep. Think of your reputation.

## Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You need to confront and then deal with those nagging doubts and secret fears that have been holding you back. The more anxious you are the harder it is to think clearly.

## Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Any sudden and unexpected changes that take place around the time of Sunday's eclipse are sure to work in your favour. If you want to make a lifestyle change don't hang around and wait for approval.

## Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You need to make more of the skills and talents you were born with. You must be more of a go-getter and self-starter between now and the end of the year. Use your imagination.

## Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You must be free to make your own decisions and to come and go as you please. Anyone who tries to limit you must be told in no uncertain terms to mind their own business — or else!

## Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Face up to what you fear the most. Trying to ignore what scares you won't work, so look it in the eye and refuse to be intimidated. Soon you will realize just how powerless it is.

## Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to take it personally if someone you care for acts coldly towards you. They have some serious issues to deal with, so give them time, give them space, and they will be back to their old selves very soon.

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